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PRICE, \$2 PER MONTH.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL

LONDON.—F. ALBEE, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, London Street, E.C.; GORDON STREET & CO., 30, Cornhill; GORDON & GOROK, Lloyds Office, E.C.; HADCOCK & CO., 10, St. Paul's, E.C.; HADCOCK, DRAGO, 160 & 154, New Bond Street; W. M. WILLS, 151, Cannon Street, E.C.; ROBERT WATSON, 159, Fleet Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE.—AMERIQUE PARIS, 30, Rue Lafayette, Paris; J. STEWART HAPPER, THE CHEMIST, EVANGELIE, OFFICE, 52, West 22d Street.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BEAR & BLACK, San Francisco; AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney; GORDON & CO., 10, St. Paul's, E.C.; HADCOCK, W. M. SMITH & CO., THE AMERICANERS OF CALIFORNIA; SINGAPORE STRAITS, &c.—SAYLER & CO., SINGAPORE; G. HEINSEN & CO., MANILA.

CHINA.—MACAO, A. DA CRUZ, AMON, N. MOAIS, FOGHORN, HEDGE & CO., SHAW, LINN, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama; LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & CO.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE Business hitherto carried on under the style of J. ROSELET & Co. will be CONTINUED under my Own Name henceforth.

J. MULLER,
Late H. FORTNER & Co.
Hongkong, October 1, 1891. 1874

CHINA AND JAPAN TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.

I HAVE this Day HANDED OVER the MANAGEMENT of the above Company to Mr. W. STUART HARRISON.

A. SANDFORD.
Hongkong, September 26, 1891. 1843

NOTICE.

WE have this Day ESTABLISHED OURSELVES AS COMMISSION AGENTS and GENERAL BROKERS in HONGKONG and CANTON under the Style and Firm of WENTON & ROBINSON.

Hongkong, October 1, 1891. 1877

NOTICE.

D. R. NOBLE has returned to the Colony and RESUMED PRACTICE.

Hongkong, October 2, 1891. 1890

Banks.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL \$2,000,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL \$150,000.

London: Head Office—40, Threadneedle Street, West End Office—25, Cockspur Street.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives Money on Deposit, Buys and Sells Bills of Exchange, Issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and Transacts Banking and Agency Business generally, on terms to be had on application.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS: Fixed for 12 months, 4½ percent per annum.

For Current Deposit Accounts 2 per cent per Annum on the Daily Balance.

E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.

Hongkong, August 19, 1891. 1862

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ PER CENT. per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,

F. DE BOVIS,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 1, 1891. 1815

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL \$1,000,000.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL \$500,000.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors.

D. GILLES, Esq., CHAN KEE, SWAN KEE, Esq., C. J. HIRST, Esq., W. WORTON, Esq., QUAN HOI CHUN, Esq.

A. E. McKEAN, Acting Chief Manager.

Advisory Committee in London.

THOMAS CARCAGNEAU, Esq., Messrs Dect., Palmer & Co.

JOHN BURTON, Esq., Messrs John Buttry & Co., Ltd.

C. B. STUART WORTLEY, Esq., M. P. for Hallam.

G. W. E. PEYTAIR, Manager.

Advisory Committee Shanghai.

Mrs. FU YUEN, Esq., LAM KWAI KUNG, Esq., MA KIA, TCHONG, CHIU MING SIANG, Esq., TONG KWEI SIANG, Esq.

J. D. THOBURN, Manager, pro tem.

The HEAD OFFICE now receives money on deposit and makes advances on goods in Neutral godowns, and upon other securities on terms to be had on application.

Hongkong, August 27, 1891. 1878

Bank.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$10,000,000.
RESERVE FUND \$6,300,000.
RESERVE LIABILITY \$10,000,000.
PROFITS \$10,000,000.

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS:

J. S. MOSES, Esq.—Chairman.
S. C. MICHAELSEN, Esq.—Deputy Chairman.
T. E. DAVIES, Esq.—Alex. McConachie,
C. J. HOLIDAY, Esq.—Esq.
H. HOPPIUS, Esq.—L. Poenscker, Esq.
Hon. J. J. KEESWICK, D. R. SAMSON, Esq.
E. L. WOODIN, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER:

Hongkong—F. DE BOVIS, Esq.

MANAGER:

Shanghai—J. P. WADE GARDNER, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING CO. LTD.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance up to \$200,000.

On Fixed Deposits.

For 6 months 3½ per cent. per annum.

" 12 " 4 " up to \$200,000.

" 12 " 4 " on sums in excess of \$200,000.

HONGKONG—INTEREST CHARGED.

6 % on LOANS against Shares with full margin.

6 % on Advances against Goods in neutral godowns.

7 % on Current Account Overdrafts.

7 % on Advances against Goods in private godowns.

F. DE BOVIS,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 10, 1891. 1871

Intimations.

TIME TABLE

HONGKONG & KOWLOON FERRY.

MORNING STAR, EVENING STAR, and RISING STAR, running between PEDDER'S WHARF and KOWLOON GODOWN WHARF every quarter of an hour from 6 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. Night Service every half an hour from 7.45 p.m. to 11.30 p.m.

Fare—First Class, 10 cents; Second Class, 5 cents; Third Class (for Chinese only), 1 cent during day and 2 cents at night.

For Monthly Tickets, apply to

DORABEE NOWROOZEE,
Victoria Hotel.

Hongkong, October 1, 1891. 1875

SELMARA TIN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Second Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, Room 10, Queen's Road Central, on SATURDAY, the 10th October next, at the time of receiving the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to the 30th June, 1891.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 27th September to 10th October, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

W. HUTTON POTTS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, September 22, 1891. 1816

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A NOTICE is hereby given that the Eighth Annual Ordinary MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Society will be held at the Hua Ho Office, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 10th October next, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statements of Accounts for the year 1890 and for the half year ending 30th June, 1891.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from the 1st to 10th Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

W. J. SAUNDERS,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, September 23, 1891. 1838

CHAS. J. GAUPP & Co., Chronometer, Watch & Clock Makers, Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths.

NAUTICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS.

VOIGTLÄNDER'S OPERATING BINOCULARS AND TELESCOPES.

ETON'S LEAD AND OTHER COMPASSES.

ADMIRALTY AND IMRAY CHARTS.

NAUTICAL BOOKS.

English SILVER & ELECTRO PLATEDWARE.

CHARLES & CO.'S ELECTRO PLATEDWARE.

GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY in great variety.

DIAMONDS

DIAMOND JEWELLERY.

A Splendid Collection of the Latest London PATTERNS, at very moderate prices. 742

WATERBURY WATCH, MOST ACCURATE AND RELIABLE TIME-KEEPER.

Series E—\$2.70 each.

Series J—\$4.75 each.

Series L—\$4.75 each.

FOR LADIES, GENTLEMEN & CHILDREN.

A proportionate reduction for an order for more than one dozen.

Inspection respectfully solicited by

THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,

Agents in

CHINA, JAPAN & COREA.

Hongkong, August 27, 1891. 1878

Business Notices.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. IMPORTERS OF GROCERIES & PROVISIONS

PACKED BY GROSSE BLACKWELL & CO., PHILIPPE & CANAUD AND OTHER 1ST CLASS PACKERS.

A Full Stock of FRESH STORES always on Hand.

A REVISED PRICE LIST will be issued on 1st OCTOBER, 1891. Attention is called to the NEW SCALE OF PRICES.

(*)

PRICED LISTS and PASS-BOOKS sent, Post Free, to any address.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, September 26, 1891. 1844

W. POWELL & CO. HAVE A SELECTION OF THE Marinbuk Furniture Co.'s Stock on hand.

Any GOODS not on hand can be seen at any time at the Factory on application.

W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, September 28, 1891. 1862

(ESTABLISHED 1876).

Moutrie, Robinson & Co.

(From J. BROADWOOD & SONS and COLLARD & COLLARD).

THE PIANO, ORGAN & MUSIC WAREHOUSE, UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL, AND AT LONDON, SHANGHAI, KOREA AND YOKOHAMA.

PIANOS.

Special made for this Climate and Guaranteed.

MONTHLY PAYMENTS OR HIRE.

TUNING and REPAIRS. Instruments made equal to new. Experience, machinery, trained men and guaranteed work.

OLD PIANOS EXCHANGED. MUSIC, VIOLINS, BANJOS, STRINGS, &c., &c.

16 YEARS EXPERIENCE in China, and the only Firm of trained and practical people in the Far East, devoting themselves entirely to the MUSIC and MUSICAL INSTRUMENT TRADE.

(ESTABLISHED 1876).

THE CHINA MAIL.

Mails.

**CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAYS
ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.**
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1891.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)
Empress of Japan | Tuesday | 15th Oct.
Empress of China | Tuesday | 10th Nov.
Empress of India | Tuesday | 8th Dec.

THE R. M. S. EMPIRE OF JAPAN, 5,900 tons, Captain G. A. LEE, R.N.R., sailing at Noon on TUESDAY, the 13th October, with Her Majesty's Mats, will proceed to VANCOUVER, and SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF PASSAGE.
(In Mexican Dollars)
FROM HONGKONG, FIRST CLASS.

| TO | ONE WAY | PREPAID | RETURN |
|--|---------|---------|--------|
| | 4 | 12 | MOS |
| Vancouver, Victoria, Esquimalt, B.C. | 225 | 338 | 304 |
| Port Townsend, Seattle, Tacoma, Wash. | 255 | 383 | 487 |
| Portland, Ore., San Francisco | 215 | 413 | 482 |
| Banff, Calgary, Alba | 285 | 428 | 499 |
| Winnipeg, Man. | 205 | 345 | 412 |
| Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duth Minn. | 205 | 345 | 412 |
| Chicago, Ill., Kansas City, St. Louis, Mo. | 205 | 443 | 617 |
| Milwaukee, Wis. | 205 | 443 | 617 |
| Detroit, Mich., Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, O. | 205 | 443 | 617 |
| Hamilton, London, Toronto, Ont. | 305 | 458 | 584 |
| Buffalo, Niagara Falls, N.Y. | 305 | 458 | 584 |
| Kingsland, Ottawa, Ont. | 305 | 458 | 584 |
| Montreal, Quebec, Que. | 305 | 458 | 584 |
| New York, Albany, Troy, Rochester, N.Y. | 305 | 458 | 584 |
| Baltimore, Md., Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Pa. | 310 | 465 | 543 |
| Washington, D.C., Boston, Mass., Portland, Me. | 310 | 465 | 543 |
| Halifax, N.S., St. John, N.B. | 310 | 465 | 543 |
| Liverpool, and London, via Liverpool | 310 | 465 | 543 |
| Paris, via Liverpool, and London | 345 | 575 | 650 |
| Havre, via Liverpool | 345 | 575 | 650 |
| Bremen, Hamburg | 345 | 575 | 650 |
| 2nd class steamer and 1st class on rail, and 2nd class steamer and rail, also Steerage Fares and Rates to other places, quoted on application. | | | |
| The Steamer call at Victoria to land and embark Passengers. | | | |
| Return Tickets.—Time limit for prepaid return ticket is reckoned from date of issue to date of re-embarking at Vancouver. | | | |
| Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers. | | | |
| Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China or Japan, and to Government officials. | | | |
| CHAO.—Through Bills of Lading issued to Japanese Consul, Peking, and to Chinese and United States Posts. | | | |
| Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Posts should be in quadruplicate; and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the care of D. E. Brown, Assistant General Freight and Passenger Agent, Canadian Pacific Railway Company, Vancouver, B.C. | | | |
| PARCELS must be sent to our office with address marked in full by 5 p.m. on the day previous to sailing. | | | |
| For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to | | | |
| DODWELL, CARLILL & CO., Agents. | | | |
| Hongkong, September 22, 1891. 1817 | | | |

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN,
SUEZ, PORT SAID,
BRINDISI, GENOA,
ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG,
PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK
SEA & BALTIQUE PORTS;

ALSO,
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON,
BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS,
GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN
PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL
AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS
AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills
of Lading for the principal places in
RUSSIA.

ON SATURDAY, the 24th day of October, 1891, at 3 p.m., the Company's
S.S. BAYERN, Captain T. MENOWIL,
with MAIL, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,
and CARGO, will leave this port as above,
calling at GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till 6 p.m., on the 23rd October. Cargo will be received on board until 1 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 10 a.m. on the 24th October. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agent's Office). Contents and Value of Packages are required.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardess. For further Particulars, apply to

MELBYE & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, September 23, 1891. 1861

INSURANCES.

THE NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSUR-
ANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
AGENTS for the above Company, are
prepared to GRANT INSURANCES to the
extent of \$100,000 on First-class Risks at
current rates.

DUNN, MELBYE & CO.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COM-
PANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above
Company, are prepared to ACCEPT
RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

NOIRIN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, July 15, 1891. 1802

To-day's Advertisements.

TO LET.

HOUSES AT THE PEAK AND AT BEAUMONT
ACADEMY, Queen's Road, No. 3, 'BALM'S COURT,' Bon-
ham Road.

GODDOWNS IN DUDDELL STREET.

HOUSE, No. 31, 'WEST VILLA,' Pokku-
lum Road.

GODDOWNS OR OFFICES—First Floor
at back of MARINE HOUSE.

BUNGALOW, 'DELMAR,' Yau-ma-tee.

Apply to BELLIUS & Co.

Hongkong, October 5, 1891. 1803

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. BRECONSHIRE,

FROM HAMBURG, LONDON,
PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

Hongkong, October 5, 1891. 1808

CONSIGNERS of Cargo are hereby in-
formed that all Goods are being landed
at their risk into the Godowns of the HOW-
KONG AND KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO.,
at Kowloon, whence and from the
Wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary is given before Noon
TO-MORROW.

No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godown, and all
Goods remaining undelivered after the 12th
instant will be rejected.

All claims relating to the Steamer must be
presented to the Underwriter on or before
the 12th Inst., or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bill of Lading will be countersigned by
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, October 5, 1891. 1805

A LOGUE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

The Steamship

Haworth, Captain Peters, will be
dispatched as above on

about the 12th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, October 5, 1891. 1804

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Tenth Ordinary General MEETING
of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at
the Offices of the Undersigned, at 12
o'clock (noon), on THURSDAY, the 22nd
October instant.

The Transfer Books of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 9th to the 22nd
instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Agents,

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

Hongkong, October 5, 1891. 1804

NOT Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for
any Debt contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessel, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

NANCY PENDLETON, American ship, Capt.
J. N. Pendleton.—Shewan & Co.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s
Steamship

Ravena, Captain E. Cawes, will be
quick despatch for the above Port
after her arrival here with the outward
Mail.

E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, October 5, 1891. 1809

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, VIA NAGA-
SAKI AND KORE.

(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s
Steamship

Orion, Captain W. D. Moore,
will have for the above places on FRI-
DAY, the 16th October, at Noon.

E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, October 5, 1891. 1800

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG,
COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN,
SUEZ, PORT SAID,
BRINDISI, TRIESTE, VENICE
AND FLORENTIA.

(Taking cargo at through rates to CAL-
CUTTA, MADRAS, PERSIAN GULF,
RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT
and ADRIATIC PORTS.)

The Co.'s Steamship

Oriana, Capt. A. Orlando, will be
despatched as above on

the 22nd instant, at Noon.

Cargo will not be received on board after
3 p.m. prior to date of sailing.

For further information as to Passage
and Freight, apply to

DAVID SASOON, SONS & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, October 5, 1891. 1807

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

October 4, 1891.—

Lyneemun, German steamer, from Canton.

Bruselas, British steamer, from Canton.

Cosmopolit, German steamer, 551, W. T.
Schaefer, Touren October 2, General.

Weller & Co.

Cheng Hye Teng, British steamer, 923,
M. G. Scott, Singapore September 27,
General.—BUN HIN CHAN.

Ningpo, German steamer, 762, B. Koh-
ler, Shanghai October 1, General.—Sime-
mon & Co.

Full Directions for use enclosed with each
cargo.

CAUTION.

Inferior samples of Eucalyptus Oil dis-
tilled from any kind of Eucalyptus leaf have
little or no medical action and should be
carefully avoided.

1888

THE LEAVES OF SELECTED
SPECIES OF EUCALYPTUS.

EUCALYPTUS OIL has long taken a
foremost place as a "household remedy"
in Australia. When applied externally
it has a powerful stimulant and soothing
action but does not blister the most
sensitive skin, and no application known
will so quickly subdue the pain of muscular
cramps.

Taken internally in small doses, it acts as
a powerful stimulant and antispasmodic
whilst its secondary action induces sleep.

The penetrating agreeable vapor of the
Oil is sedative, and when inhaled relieved
Asthma, Bronchitis, Catarrh and Sore
Throat.

It is also a most powerful antiseptic and
germicide, being three times as effectual as
Carbolic Acid in preventing development of
Bacteria, its uses in this direction being
very numerous.

The active properties of the Oil depend
upon a Terpene called Eucalyptol and we
guarantee this Oil, prepared specially for us,
to contain the largest obtainable percentage
of Eucalyptol and twice that of the ordinary
Eucalypt Oil of commerce.

It can be used with great benefit in all
Tuberculosis, Ailments, and its sedative
stimulating qualities make it an invaluable
application in Neuralgia, Rheumatism,
Fever, whilst its powerful antiseptic and
germicide action is well exhibited as a dressing
in Wounds, Ulcers, Bursa, Scabs, Sore,
Ringworm, &

THE CHINA MAIL.

The German steamer *Decima* and *Poole*, we hear, were subjected to a great deal of annoyance at Saigon on their last trip. The Police was searched by the Customs officers with much more than the ordinary minuteness, but her experience was nothing to that of the *Decima*. It appears that the Customs authorities had got a telegram from some way that this steamer was bringing up a shipment of 10,000 tsels of opium. The consequence was that she was not only searched with extraordinary care but the discharge of her cargo was superintended with such exceeding particularity that she was delayed fully three days. About fifteen customs officials were on board all the time. No opium having been found, M. Grotterin, Director of the Excise Department, gave orders to have the covers of the cylinders, air-pump, condenser and boilers taken off in order to see if the opium was concealed in any of these highly improbable places. As this would have meant a delay of about eight days, Captain Christensen very naturally declined to comply with the order. He got the German Consul to support him, but M. Grotterin insisted on the order being carried out. It was arranged that the Customs' Director's demand should be satisfied on a verbal understanding that the steamer would receive full compensation for any time lost, but on Capt. Christensen's asking for a written guarantee, it was refused, and ultimately the whole thing was allowed to drop, the Director of Customs having, it seems, been advised by a marine engineer that his idea was too much like breaking up the ship to look for contraband goods. Both the *Decima* and *Poole* were surrounded by a fleet of customs craft and were evidently watched with the very greatest suspicion.

STEAM PIPES.—These pipes have been made in England from the ramie fibre. This material is subjected to tremendous hydraulic pressure and, having the property of being impervious with moisture, will neither shrink nor swell, besides being a non-conductor of heat. The pipes are said to have a tensile strength twice that of steel pipes.

The tunnel that will connect Butler Valley, *Hainan*, with the bottom of the mammoth *Eboracum* vein, will be one of the greatest engineering feats of the century. It will open an almost inexhaustible supply of coal, and serve as a drain for all the collieries in that vicinity.

The Atchison, Kan., Citizen says that Dr. B. G. Culver of that city is the propagator of a vine, which he has christened potato, that will grow potatoes under the ground, in the usual fashion, and bear tomatoes as does the tomato plant, at the top. This is asking people to believe a good deal.

We learn from a Native source that a large fire occurred at Hankow on the 20th inst., destroying over 1,000 houses, but fortunately no lives were lost. At least on such occasions, a great crowd of people assembled, but they were orderly, and no attempt was made to get up a riot; there was however a noticeable absence of rowdies and pickpockets.—*Shanghai Mercury*.

An editorial in the *Hupao*, referring to the state of China's finances and export trade, says that it is no wonder they are bad, when her principal traffic is in opium and the Manila Lottery, which is gradually drawing away the wealth of the country. In former years the highest number in the lottery was 25,000, but it is now 45,000, nearly double the former figure. The greater part of the tickets are sold in China, and it is high time the Government stepped in to check this large monthly expenditure.

The Tientsin correspondent of the *Shanghai Mercury* writes on the 24th September:—Mr. Ma Kit Toheong is now staying with Taotsu Yang Hui Tang, chief director of the railway, who is a special favorite with the Viceroy. Although Li Hung-chang told Mr. Swire to consult with Ma in Chefoo in regard to the amalgamation of the steamship companies, he (Ma) had to quit when he got here. Although the Viceroy has the Nanjing Viceroy as the real head of the C.M.S.N., Li had no choice in regard to Mr. Swire. The C.M.S.N.'s next question in Shanghai will not tend to help Ma in getting back to his position, or getting rid of the Canton Mills. We have heard of late some very fine weather and good rains on the Taku Bar, and steamers reach the Bund again.

We hear that a very important arrest has been made by the Chinese officials in connection with the recent seizures of arms. A man who resided alternately at Chinkiang and Shanghai, passing under different names at each place, but known here as Opun Kin-loong (金龍), was strongly suspected.

The amended Bill also contains important provisions with regard to procedure and the protection of informers. It likewise in the following section grants protection and relief to those who may have been unfairly suspected.

If any unsuccessful search for opium has been made under section 30 or 31 of this Ordinance, the master, owners and agents and the consignees thereof shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding one thousand dollars.

An amount of any such opium found on board any such ship and exceeding

(a.) In the case of any steamship of 60 tons burden and upwards 100 lbs in weight.

(b.) In the case of any steamship under 60 tons burden, 25 in weight.

(c.) In the case of all other ships 10 in weight, shall be deemed evidence of the illegal use of any such ship, unless it be proved to the satisfaction of the Magistrate that every reasonable precaution had been taken to prevent the unlawful use of any such ship, and that none of the officers or their servants or any of the crew of such ship were implicated therein.

Where practicable, all offences under this section shall be enquired into and adjudicated on by two Magistrates sitting together.

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In the definition clause for the word "cheat of opium" there is simply used the word "cheat." The definition therefore runs:—Cheat means the packing with the quantity theron such as is usually imported by merchants in the Colony. It will be remembered that the bottom was supposed to have been knocked out of the old opium ordinance by Justice Fielding Clarke holding that the words "opium in quantities less than one cheat" did not cover fractional quantities if the actual amount was more than one cheat. The difficulty is got over by adding the definition "Less Opium shall mean all raw opium found or discovered otherwise than in a cheat full of one quality of raw opium; in a cheat full of one quality of raw opium, the white stars like Sirius are stars in early life or their first maturity, while stars like our own sun and Capella are stars in full maturity and commencing ripe; again, that the orange and red stars are stars in advancing age, cooling down towards darkness. Stars which are white from forty to sixty times as bright as our own sun, even to the extent of being visible to the eye in the darkest region in which Sirius is very rich. It is in a much earlier stage of existence, than our sun, though probably in a later stage than these white stars in which the hydrogen lines are bright. His description of the rising and falling energies which have their theatre in the infinite vastness of the heavens not inaptly recalls Shelley's poetical sketch of cosmic history in "Hellas."

Worlds on worlds are rolling over;

From creation to decay,

Like the bubbles on the river,

Floating, bursting, borne away.

THE AMENDED PREPARED OPIUM ORDINANCE.

SUPREME COURT.
IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.
(Before Mr. E. J. Ackroyd, Acting Justice
Judge.)

Monday, October 4.

WONG NGAN, CIVIL ROOM JURIS.

In this case the plaintiff, a young woman who lived with the plaintiff as his companion, claimed \$728 as the value of jewellery and clothing belonging to her unlawfully detained by plaintiff. Mr. Wilson appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Phillippe, instructed by Mr. Dennis, was for the defence.

Mr. Wilson said the plaintiff had been living under the defendant's protection for several years. On the 10th of September they had a quarrel and the plaintiff was turned out of the house. The articles for which she now claimed \$728 were left in the defendant's house and he refused to give them up.

The plaintiff said she had been the defendant's concubine since she was nineteen, and she was now twenty-five. He beat her the 10th September, and she made a complaint to the police, the result of which was that the defendant and she were bound over to keep the peace. The article which she claimed for were her property. She bought them when she was a prostitute.

Mr. Phillippe said the defence was that the articles claimed were not in the house. The woman left of her own free will and brought this case for the purpose of squaring with the defendant. She had not been refused admittance to the house and the defendant was quite willing to allow her to go there and take away anything that was there.

His Lordship said that simply amounted to nothing, as the things might have been removed before this.

The plaintiff cross-examined by Mr. Phillippe, said her mother was not a woman named Bo-sun Wong. The defendant had quarreled with her about a number of pawn-tickets which he found in the house. These tickets referred to things which she had pawned at the defendant's request, as he had not given her any money to provide food during the last six months. It was not true that he charged prior to date to the last certificate granted him unless he had permission to keep or store opium. In regard to the Opium Farm, the power of the Government is greatly increased. The amended Bill permits him to sell the farm, not by sealed tender or at public auction, but by private contract, if desirable, in the interests of the firm.

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